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**DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The petition filed 11/30/05 under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) for consideration of an information disclosure statement filed after ☒ Allowance ☐ Final has been:

☒ GRANTED.

☐ DENIED.

☐ It was filed after payment of the issue fee, see 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2).

The petition lacks:

☐ The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(d) and 1.17(i)(1).

☐ A proper certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(d) and 1.97(e).

The information disclosure statement has been placed of record in the file but will not be considered by the examiner.

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